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Tells of Party Girls

[Chicago Tribune Press Service]

Washington, Sept. 30—Party girls and President Johnson figured today in blazing discussions of the Bobby Baker scandal in both houses of Congress.

In the House, Rep. H. R. Gross [R., Ia.] said that he has information that a German beauty, Elly Rometsch, was involved with a defense contractor and with "Lyndon Johnson's protegee," Bobby Baker, and was a guest at parties given by the contractor.

Mrs. Rometsch's activities, Gross said, "make Christine Keeler look like a school girl."

Katzenbach Is Accused

In the Senate, Sen. John J. Williams [R., Del.] accused Acting Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach of laying the question of criminal prosecution of Baker before President Johnson, and said the law should be enforced impartially—not upon the basis of how well the person concerned may know the President.

Gross said he knows the identity of party girls other than Mrs. Rometsch who have been entertained by the defense contractor and questioned whether such cases might not lead to "loose-tongued" if unintended disclosure of national defense secrets.

"My information is," Gross told the House, "that the defense contractor, who maintains an apartment in Washington for some of the revelries that have been taking place, is the president of a firm which produces an important component for a missile, considered to be a part

of the backbone of our defense.

Visited by NASA Aid

"The corporation president testified in a recent deposition that he does rent an apartment on Massachusetts avenue for the purpose of entertaining business associates and others."

The executive, Gross said, has conceded that an executive of the National Space and Aeronautics administration has visited his apartment on numerous occasions.

"Is it possible," Gross asked, "that there are industrial firms in this country, operating almost wholly on defense contracts, who are by devious means charging off the entertainment they provide, including employment of call girls, to their contracts and thus unloading the cost on the taxpayers?"

Williams told the Senate that Katzenbach told reporters yesterday that Baker will be treated in the same way as any other potential criminal "because that's the way President Johnson wants it."

'A Shocking Admission'

"This is a shocking admission on the part of the acting attorney general," Williams said, "that he is discussing the question of criminal prosecution of Baker with the President of the United States."

"The attorney general is supposed to enforce the laws on the basis of equality to all men, and not on the basis of how well the individual involved may know the President."

Williams protested Katzenbach's further assertion that he does not yet have the evidence upon which to prosecute Baker.

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